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EVENT GUIDE



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER
2023

FEATURE EVENT

THE ALPHABET OF AWESOME SCIENCE

19 SEPTEMBER

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BUYING TICKETS

The Pilbeam Theatre is located on the corner of Victoria Parade and Cambridge Street, Rockhampton.

You can buy tickets in the following ways:

At the Pilbeam Theatre Box Office | Victoria Parade entrance

By Phone | on 4927 4111

Online | www.seeitlive.com.au

FRIENDS OF THE THEATRE

If you enjoy the theatre, why not become a Friend of the Theatre? Friends of the Theatre is an organisation where members volunteer to work in various aspects of the theatre such as ushering, bar, candy bar and program selling. Friends receive discounts to many of the shows listed in Spotlight, and also receive a newsletter mailed direct to them.

Each time a Friend of the Theatre works they receive a Performance Work Voucher, which is exchanged for tickets to events. Unlimited seats are available in exchange for Performance Work Vouchers on events in Spotlight bearing the blue star symbol. For other events, voucher seats are limited to a total of six seats per performance. Further details as well as membership forms are available from the Box Office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Theatre programs start promptly at the advertised start time and latecomers will not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance. Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Pilbeam Theatre or other Council venues.

The use of cameras and recording devices during performances is illegal and penalties for infringement of copyright in this way are severe. Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off before entering the auditorium. Crying or fidgety children can be a distraction to other theatregoers and performers, so if you bring your small child to the theatre, please book an aisle seat in case you need to exit the auditorium.

TICKETING ABBREVIATIONS

A: Adult	S: Student (Tertiary)	J: Junior *
C: Concession	FoT: Friend of Theatre	SC: Senior's Card
P: Pensioner	G10+: Group of 10 or more	F: Family
T: Teacher (School Group)	SS: School Student (School Group)	

*Preschool and school age, 3 yrs to 17 yrs. May have additional age restrictions. Please check with the Box Office to confirm eligibility for a particular price category.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN SAT 2 SEP. 6:00PM
WHERE A \$35, C \$29,
J (2-11yrs) \$25, HS \$25,
F4 \$110 (\$27.50ea)

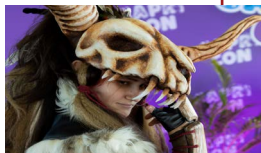


The students of The Rockhampton Grammar School Dance and Musical Theatre Academy present their 2023 production In the Spotlight featuring 42nd Street Youth Edition. Join us for a night of dazzling dance routines and breathtaking musical performances as our talented students take to the stage and showcase their incredible skills.

From tap-dancing to jazz, and everything in between, our performers will transport you to a world of glitz and glamour, where the spotlight is always shining bright. With stunning costumes, impressive sets, and a cast of talented young stars, this production is guaranteed to leave you feeling entertained and inspired. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of In The Spotlight! Get your tickets now and join us for an unforgettable evening of song, dance, and theatrical excellence.

CAPRICON POP CULTURE CONVENTION

WHERE ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS
WHEN SAT 2 SEP. 9:00AM - 7:00PM
COST \$5 ENTRY(+BOOKING FEE),
KIDS 5yrs & UNDER FREE



Are you ready to immerse yourself in the ultimate pop culture extravaganza? Join us at CapriCon Pop Culture Convention, the largest single-day convention in regional Queensland, where all things anime, superheroes, fursuiting, movies, and comics collide!

Now in its 6th year, CapriCon promises an inclusive and electrifying atmosphere where you won't just attend, but truly experience! With three stages of programming featuring author talks, gaming guests, comic artists, and cosplayers, there's something for everyone. Get ready for epic cosplay competitions, tabletop gaming, miniature marvels, kid's workshops, pro-wrestling, lightsaber academy, medieval encampments, and even free virtual reality gaming. And don't forget to experience the phenomenon of Dodgebow! Join the pop culture phenomenon at CapriCon and dive into a day of pure excitement, fandom, and unforgettable fun! Find out more at www.capriconrockhampton.com.au

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www.facebook.com/pilbeamtheatre

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THE TWITS



WHERE	PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN	TUES 5 SEP. 10:00AM & 1:00PM
COST	A \$19, J \$15, SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL GROUP \$11ea, LIMITED PUBLIC SEATING AVAILABLE

Adapted for the stage by shake & stir theatre co. Roald Dahl's gruesome Atwosome The Twits are ready to delight and disgust, in equal measure. Mr and Mrs Twit are the nastiest couple you could ever hope (not) to meet.

Both are on a quest to be meaner than the other – but, is there someone out there who can out-twit the Twits? Full of trickery and wickedly-funny pranks, Dahl's adored classic encourages us to treat others with love and care and proves that if you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams. Packed with Dahlicious mischief, hilarious mayhem and big belly laughs, The Twits is unmissable fun for all ages. Suitable for ages 5-105!

*Presented by Rockhampton Regional Council.
Part of the 2023 See It Live Theatre Season.*



SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR: HOPE



WHERE	PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN	WED 6 SEP. 7:30PM
COST	A \$89.90, J (3-17yrs) \$49.90, G4+ \$69.90pp

Hope is an all-new concert by 3-time Grammy®-winning Soweto Gospel Choir; celebrating songs and anthems from the Freedom movement of Nelson Mandela's South Africa, back to the Civil Rights Movement of Martin Luther King's 1950's America.

Hope opens with a rousing program of South African freedom songs, before the repertoire echoes down through time to the USA, with beautiful renditions of the protest music of the Civil Rights Movement, including works by legendary artists James Brown, Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder and the one-and-only Aretha Franklin.

Formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African Gospel music, Soweto Gospel Choir draws on the best talent from the many churches in and around Soweto. The choir is dedicated to sharing the joy of faith through music with audiences around the world and has received critical acclaim and audience adoration for their powerful renditions of African American spirituals, gospel and folk music. Hope is a concert that will sing forever in your hearts!

TWELFTH NIGHT

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN SAT 9 SEP. 7:30PM

COST A \$52, C \$48, J (3-17yrs) \$37,
G6+ \$45ea, FOT \$45, T \$45,
S (IN SCHOOL GROUP) \$17



A Bell Shakespeare Production. Viola is shipwrecked and believes her twin Sebastian lost to the ocean. Washed up in a strange new land, determined to survive, Viola disguises herself as a man named Cesario and finds work with Duke Orsino, only to fall head over heels in love with him.

But Orsino is in love with Olivia, who – grieving for her brother – refuses all offers of romance. Until, that is, she meets Cesario for the first time. A whirlwind of passion ensues, leaving no one unaffected, not even Olivia's prudish housekeeper Malvolia, played by Jane Montgomery Griffiths (A Midsummer Night's Dream). Heather Fairbairn's fresh retelling of Shakespeare's romantic comedy is a dark collision of hidden identities and unrequited love. Featuring all-new music by Sarah Blasko, Twelfth Night ultimately asks us to find light in the darkness.

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ACO COLLECTIVE: ECSTATIC DANCES

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN MON 11 SEP. 7:30PM

COST A \$45, C \$41, J \$30,
G6+ \$39, FOT \$39, T \$39,
S (IN SCHOOL GROUP)
\$17ea



ACO Collective combines Australia's most talented emerging string players with the professional musicians of the Australian Chamber Orchestra to create a high-energy string orchestra. A frequent performer on the world's most celebrated concert hall stages, British violinist Matthew Truscott leads ACO Collective in a thrilling program of dances from across the ages.

Matthew and ACO Collective will perform a tapestry of dance music for string orchestra, showcasing the vitality and virtuosity of this incredible ensemble.

Energy permeates every turn, from the Baroque elegance of Purcell's England to the thrill-seeking dynamism of Australian composer Holly Harrison's Black Ice, commissioned especially for ACO Collective. The rhythmic intensity of Stravinsky's iconic ballet Petrushka comes to life in a new arrangement for strings, before the concert closes with Bartok's showstopper, his Divertimento for String Orchestra. Overflowing with the folk melodies of his native Hungary, it's the perfect showcase for ACO Collective.

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HANS DISCO SPEKTAKULAR



WHERE

PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN

WED 13 SEP. 7:00PM

COST

A \$75, C \$70, G6+ ADULTS
\$70pp, FOT \$70

He has made it through the wilderness! After a dramatic year, the pride of Berlin and international superstar Hans (America's Got Talent) is taking his award winning comedy cabaret show "Disco Spektakulär" around Australia in his biggest tour yet!

Rising like a purple feathered phoenix from the ashes, Hans is set to get the party started with a slew of disco hits, his glamorous girls The Lucky Bitches and what every party needs...A piano accordion! You'll laugh! You'll cry! You'll leave covered head to toe in glitter!!

ARTISANS OF CQ MARKETS



WHERE

ROBERT SCHWARTEN
PAVILION, ROCKHAMPTON
SHOW GROUNDS

WHEN

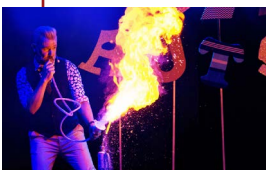
SAT 16 SEP. 8:00AM-1:00PM

COST

FREE ENTRY

Showcasing the best handmade products Central Queensland has to offer. Join our Artisans for a wonderful morning market complete with live music, morning teas, a great vibe and amazing stalls!

THE ALPHABET OF AWESOME SCIENCE



WHERE

PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN

TUE 19 SEP. 10:00AM &
1:00PM

COST

A \$19, CHILD (3-17yrs) \$15

Ascientific race through the alphabet — where awesome words inspire awesome science! Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge (the Word Nerd and the Science Freak) for a thrilling voyage through the alphabet — where great big chewy sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises.

Professor Lexi Con has curated a curious collection of her favourite words (one for every letter of the alphabet) with each word providing Professor Noel Edge with an inspirational jumping off point for 26 quirky scientific demonstrations — that squish and squirt, float and fly, erupt and explode. It's a performance that's equal parts explosive, messy, spectacular, hilarious, fascinating and gross. School holiday fun! Suitable for ages 5 to 12.

Patron Advice: The show contains flashing lights, smoke, sudden loud noises and explosions.

LUKE KIDGELL: HAPPY HOUR

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN WED 20 SEP. 6:30PM
COST ALL TICKETS \$55



After his sold out International 'Cheers to that!' tour, Luke Kidgell is back on the road with his brand new show Happy Hour. Luke has amassed over 3 million fans online for his viral stand up videos, often showcasing outrageous and quick witted crowd interactions.

Luke is also known for co-hosting the Luke and Meg Podcast and for his multiple comedy specials which feature on YouTube and Amazon Prime. Now he is bringing his brand new stand up show Happy Hour all around the country. You've seen him on the internet, now it's time to see him in real life, this is not one to miss!

Patron Advice: Coarse language and adult themes. Recommended age 16+. Cameras permitted, no extended video recordings more than 30 seconds.

DANCE FESTIVAL 2023

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN 21-28 SEP.
COST SESSION TICKET
A \$10, P \$6, J \$6

SEASON TICKET **GALA EVENT**
A \$40, P \$28, J \$28 THURSDAY 28
TEACHER \$20 SEP. 6.30PM, ADMISSION \$10



Come celebrate with us at the 20th annual Rockhampton Dance Festival in the September school holidays.

The competition will run from Thursday 21 September to Thursday 28 September, 2023. Admission to the auditorium is General Admission (no seating allocation). The Dance Festival will conclude on Thursday 28 September with a gala event, at 6.30pm

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

WHERE WALTER REID
CULTURAL CENTRE
AUDITORIUM
WHEN SAT 30 SEP. 2:00 PM
& 7:00PM
COST A \$20, C \$15



Film Lovers will unite to view and judge the next generation of films from around the world, for the 26th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival.

Phone 0417 077 348 for all inquiries.

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VIVA! MAGENTA



WHERE WALTER REID CULTURAL
CENTRE GALLERY

WHEN FRI 6 - 15 SUN OCT.

COST FREE ENTRY

Capricornia Printmakers Inc's 12th Annual Exhibition of locally produced fine art prints. Works relate to the theme VIVA! MAGENTA and make use of this colour. Although other colours may be used in the works, the colour Viva Magenta is be the 'hero' of each work and the focus of the overall exhibition. www.capricorniaprintmakers.org.au

NURSE GEORGIE CARROLL: SISTA FLO 2.0



WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN SAT 7 OCT. 7:30 PM

COST A \$49, C \$44, G10+A \$44pp

Nurse Georgie is just what the doctor ordered. As seen on Britain's Got Talent 2023, winner of 'Best Comedy Show' at the Adelaide Fringe Festival and following a sell-out season at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, don't miss Nurse Georgie Carroll as she performs for one night only in Rockhampton.

Georgie has seen it all and is bringing her hilarious award-winning stand-up to the Pilbeam Theatre for one night only. You'll laugh, you'll gasp, you'll cry, it might even hurt, but it will make you better. Make sure you're there to hear it all in this very special one-off event. She should have been a midwife as she always delivers!

Patron Advice: Georgie may occasionally use a swear word.

SLEEPING BEAUTY



WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN THU 12 OCT. 7:30PM

COST A \$95, C \$85, S \$75,
J (U18 yrs) \$65,
F (2A + 2J) \$70ea (\$280
TOTAL), G6+ \$85pp,
FOT \$80

Following their 2022 performances of Swan Lake, the Royal Czech Ballet return to Australia with their presentation of the classic masterpiece, Sleeping Beauty.

Sleeping Beauty follows the story of Princess Aurora. When the bad fairy Carabosse is not invited by the King to the Princess' christening, she casts a spell on the Princess that will mean she will die if pricked by a needle from the age of 16. The King tries to protect his daughter by banning all needles in the Kingdom, however Princess Aurora accidentally pricks her finger on her sixteenth birthday. 100 years later, a handsome prince stumbles upon the Sleeping Beauty, Princess Aurora, where she is awoken from her sleep. Sleeping Beauty will feature international soloist Cristina Terentiev.

SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN FRI 13 OCT. 8:00PM
COST ADMISSION \$40



The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour will be tearing up the freeways of Australia to bring the best of the 2022 Festival to Rockhampton! Expertly curated and lovingly presented, the Showcase will feature some of the Festival's hottest acts live on stage for an incredible two hours of hard-hitting laughter.

Boasting a line-up of veteran favourites and some of the freshest emerging talents, this jam-packed night of pure entertainment will leave you sore from belly laughs. So call your pals and grab your tickets to the funniest night of entertainment you will see all year – don't miss out on a huge night of laughs.

Patron advice: Suitable for ages 15+, performance may contain strong language and adult themes.

Note: This show is the rescheduled November 2022 performance.

FOREVER DIAMOND

WHERE PILBEAM THEATRE
WHEN SAT 14 OCT. 7:30PM
COST A \$69.90, C \$64.90,
FOT \$59.90,
G8+ \$59.90 ea,
J(9-17yrs) \$49.90



Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame and Grammy Award Winner, Neil Diamond is a phenomenon who gives truly special and personal shows that legions of fans return to see again and again. A style that transcends music fads by consistently touching people of all ages and interests. The personal and magical interaction Diamond has on stage with an audience is legendary, breaking all box office records wherever he performs.

This is your opportunity to experience that same spontaneous display of energy and sensuality with the superb talents of Internationally renowned Peter Byrne and his award winning international production Forever Diamond, a show performing Neil Diamond's greatest hits spanning over three decades, in an uncanny portrayal that has to be seen to be believed.

Come and hear all the great hits such as – Sweet Caroline, Song Sung Blue, I Am I Said, Cherry Cherry, Beautiful Noise, Cracklin Rosie, Crunchy Granola Suite, Holly Holy, Solitary Man & many many more.

MAYOR'S TREAT: MORNING MELODIES



WHERE

PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN

MON 16 OCT. 11:00AM

COST

SENIORS' MONTH
MAYOR'S TREAT!
ALL TICKETS \$5!

To celebrate QLD Senior's Month 2023, Rockhampton Mayor Tony Williams is treating patrons young and old to a special discounted show.

The King of The Swingers: Sinatra Through The Years is an authentic sounding tribute concert to the unforgettable music of Old Blue Eyes himself, Frank Sinatra. Starring Rhydan Lewis and one of Australia's finest bands, The Residuals, King of the Swingers features songs such as Come Fly With Me, The Lady Is a Tramp, Fly Me To The Moon, I've Got You Under My Skin, That's Life, My Way and The Theme from New York New York.

Morning Melodies is presented by
Rockhampton Regional Council

Free Morning Tea supplied from 10am
by Brumby's Allenstown / Gracemere /
Parkhurst.



ROCKY FLIX: BLAZE



WHERE

WALTER REID
CULTURAL CENTRE

WHEN

SAT 21 OCT. 7:00PM

COST

A \$15, C \$13, M \$10

Del Kathryn Barton, Writer/Director and Artist (artwork held in the Rockhampton Museum of Art), brings you her highly award winning film, BLAZE.

A story about a young girl, who witnesses an attack and retreats into a world of pure imagination to cope. A gripping and emotional example of how humans process experience. Australian Film. Rated M 101 mins

2023 CQ COMMUNITY HEALTH FESTIVAL

WHERE

ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION,
ROCKHAMPTON SHOW GROUNDS

WHEN

SAT 28 OCT.
8:30AM - 12:00PM

COST

FREE ENTRY

The CQ Community Health Festival aims to showcase health and wellbeing services, along with sporting and other community health groups.

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WHERE

PILBEAM THEATRE

WHEN

FRI 27 OCT. 7:30PM
 SAT 28 OCT. 7:30PM
 SUN 29 OCT. 1:30PM

COST

A \$54, C \$49,
 S(HIGH SCHOOL) \$45,
 G(2-12yrs) \$40,
 G10+ \$49pp, FOT \$45



Produced by Rockhampton Musical Union Choir. With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, 9 to 5 The Musical, has been a sensation on Broadway and the West End. It was inspired by the iconic 1980 hit film 9 to 5 starring Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin, and Jane Fonda.

9 to 5 The Musical tells the story of three enterprising women, Doralee, Violet and Judy, who team up, stand up and take care of business after they are pushed to the edge by their sexist and egotistical boss Franklin Hart Jr. They concoct a plan to give their workplace a dream makeover while Hart remains 'otherwise engaged'. The songs include Around Here, Let Love Grow, Shine Like the Sun and the title song of Nine to Five. Dolly Parton herself will make a cameo appearance in the RMU Choir production.

ROCKHAMPTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

WHERE

R'TON BAPTIST CHURCH
 (CORNER FARM ST &
 NORMAN RD)

WHEN

SAT 28 OCT. 2:00PM

COST

A \$15, C \$12, F \$45



Rockhampton Youth Orchestra (RYO) will perform their end of year concert, The Classics Return, in October. Program will include Rockhampton Youth Orchestra, CQ Strings, Unisong Choir & special guest artists.

RYO is based at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre. For membership and other enquiries, please contact: **0417 559 990**

FIBRE ARTS GROUP

WHERE

LEVEL 1 WALTER REID
 CULTURAL CENTRE
 CNR EAST & DERBY ST



Rockhampton Fibre Arts Group is open Wednesdays and Saturdays Every week from 10.30am – 3pm at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre.

New members are always welcome. Annual membership is \$40 with each attendance \$3 per person. On 2 September there will be an overlocker workshop and on 7 October participants will loom knit a small item.

Contact Anne: **0403 827 012**

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OCTOBER

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PT: Pilbeam Theatre **WRCC:** Walter Reid Cultural Centre
RSG: Rockhampton Showgrounds **HV:** Heritage Village
MB: Music Bowl **O:** Other Venue

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